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## New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park News Release

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### **National Park Service & Working Waterfront Festival team up to offer Free Summer Camp Program for Local Youth**

**New Bedford, MA - May 14, 2009** - New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival are teaming up to offer four one-week summer camp sessions for children ages 9-10 (entering grades 4 & 5 in the fall of 2009). Designed to give kids an introduction to the history and culture of New Bedford's working port from whaling days to the present, camp activities will include: hands-on marine science, arts and crafts, daily fieldtrips, chantey singing and more.

The camp will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the weeks of July 13<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> and will be based out of the National Park's newly renovated Corson Maritime Learning Center (located adjacent to the Visitor Center on William Street). The camp will be offered free of charge.

Interested students must complete and submit an application form and teacher recommendation by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Selected campers will be notified by June 12<sup>th</sup>, and will be required to attend a brief orientation meeting with a parent or guardian at the National Park Visitor Center on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in obtaining an application form, please contact the National Park at 508-996-4095 or the Working Waterfront Festival office at 508-993-8894.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States.

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